ALLOCATION OF PETROL AND DIESEL TO KERALA

995. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the allocation of the diesel and petrol to Kerala and other States before the Gulf Crisis ;

(b) whether there is any cut in the allocation to Kerala after the Gulf Crisis ;

(c) whether the Kerala Government has requested the Union Government to increase its quota ; and

(d) If so, the details thereof and the outcome therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) : The Central Government does not allocate petrol and diesel to States. However, from October, 1990 till April, 1991 releases through retail outlets were regulated.

CLEARANCE TO PUYANKUTTY HYDEL POWER PROJECT

996. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether clearance has been given to Puyankutty hydel power project in Kerala ;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) the suggestions/recommendations of Kerala on this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI : (a) to (c) The Puyankutty Hydro-electric Project was accorded techno-economic approval by Central Electricity Authority during January, 1984 and was subsequently sanctioned by the Planning Commission in August, 1986 subject to State Government obtaining forest clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests. The project was accorded environmental clearance in June, 1985. Regarding Forest clearance, the proposal of the Government of Kerala for diversion of 3001.8 ha. of forest land was considered by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Environment and Forests and was rejected in January, 1991.

997. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the amount spent on the construction of the Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project till March, 1991 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : A total amount of Rs. 431 lakhs has been spent on the Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project till March, 1991.

[*Translation*]

DELUX TRAIN BETWEEN NEW DELHI—HOWRAH

998. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert the delux train running between New Delhi and Howrah via Gaya and vice-versa into daily train ;

(b) if so, when ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.

COMPLIMENTARY CHEQUE PASSES

999. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complimentary cheque passes issued during 1990 and